

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph which begins on page 12, line 1 and ends on page 12, line 6, as follows:

-- [[The]] [[c]]Container 1100 also includes a plurality of locking members 1104 that are positioned about the periphery of [[the]] container 1100. In one embodiment, [[the]] locking members 1104 are protuberances that extend substantially perpendicular from [[the]] wall 1101 of [[the]] container 1100. Also as shown in Figure 11, [[the]] locking members 1104 may have a generally rectangular shape. As those skilled in the art will appreciate, locking members 1104 may have a plurality of different shapes. Container 1100 further includes a plurality of substantially elongated ridges 1107 (Figs. 11-12,14) integrally formed on the interior wall of the container body. Ridges 1107 facilitate the blending of the contents of [[the]] container 1100.--

Please amend the paragraph which begins on page 13, line 3 and ends on page 13, line 9, as follows:

-- Figure 14 illustrates one exemplary embodiment of [[the]] container 1100 [[as]] being fixed to a ~~blender~~ base member 110. ~~According to one embodiment, the~~ Specifically, container 1100 is inverted and threadedly coupled to ~~the blender~~ base member 110. The coupled container (1100) may then be inserted into the recess well 300 of [[the]] blender base ~~of a blender 100~~. As shown in Figure 14, the base of [[the]] container 1100 is slightly tapered at 1400. The taper of [[the]] container 1100 creates a dome-like structure that facilitates the blending of the contents of [[the]] container 1100.--